## **Edgemoor Port Expansion**

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Secretary Shawn M. Garvin
Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC)
Richardson & Robbins Building
89 Kings Highway SW
Dover, DE 19901

Dear Mr. Garvin,

My name is Laveenia Frazier I am a member of Local 1883 here in Wilmington Delaware. I am also a business owner of several different entities based here in Delaware. I am reaching out to you and your organization to formally inform you all of why it is a necessity to continue moving forward with the plans for the port expansion in Edgemoor, Delaware. Prior to becoming a member of Local 1883 of the International Longshoreman Association I matriculated and graduated from Clark Atlanta University with a degree in Biology. Upon graduating I was able to obtain a position in my field as a Biologist however, I was not compensated as my degree was supposed to benefit me financially. Due to the financial gap I was not able to afford my bills at that time along with the potential loan repayments coming soon. I later decided to move back home to Delaware at which time my older sister now a Local Member of 1694 International Longshoreman Association here in Wilmington Delaware introduced me to the opportunities here at the port. Since I've became a member of the ILA I have been able to receive a life saving surgery against my ongoing fight against obesity. I've been able to financially afford to sustain my bills and I've been able to start and fund several new businesses. Besides my personal gain having this opportunity as a member of the ILA I also have been able to assist with organizing a two year consecutive coat drive and giveaway for less fortunate people here in our local community. Along with other obvious reasons of why the expansion should continue the most obvious is the potential to increase employment increase the amount of people with great health coverage and decrease crime and diseases. This opportunity is for the people here in Delaware and we should all focus on the people whom can benefit from such an expansion. Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts on why this expansion MUST continue.

Sincerely, Laveenia Frazier Member of Local 1883 ILA 302-299-0516